



CONGRESSMAN RON BARBER

The One Year Report

Representing Southern Arizona

Committee Assignments:

- Armed Services (Readiness; Tactical Air and Land Forces subcommittees)
- Homeland Security (Ranking Member of Oversight and Management Efficiency subcommittee)
- Small Business (Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access; Agriculture, Energy and Trade subcommittees)

Caucuses:

Border Security Caucus; Military Families Caucus; Mental Health Caucus; Small Business Caucus; Veterans Jobs Caucus; Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Education Caucus; House Army Caucus; House Air Force Caucus; Congressional Social Work Caucus; and Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition

Work in Washington:

- **28** bipartisan bills introduced, including legislation to strengthen the Veterans Affairs pension program and combat scams against veterans; the *PRIME Act* to combat and prevent waste, fraud and abuse in Medicare; the *Veterans Health Access Act* and *Veterans Transportation Service Act* to make it easier for veterans to access health care; the *No Budget, No Pay Act*, to hold Congress accountable for passing a federal budget; and *Mental Health First Aid Act* to increase awareness of mental illness
- **4** amendments offered, including an amendment to *The Border Results Act* to require DHS to hold public meetings to develop their border security strategy by getting input from border residents and other community members and an amendment to the *Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act of 2012* to reduce the deficit and provide housing for the estimated 70,000 homeless veterans
- Voted for and cosponsored the *Violence Against Woman Act* to protect victims of domestic violence
- Worked on and voted for the *National Defense Authorization Act of 2014* to authorize essential funding to support our armed forces and military families, including those at Southern Arizona's own Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and 162nd Fighter Wing of the Arizona Air National Guard in Tucson and Fort Huachuca in Sierra Vista
- Voted for the *Require a Plan Act* to balance the budget and reduce the federal debt and deficit
- Voted for *The Department of Homeland Security Appropriations* to provide critical funding for agents and technology along the Southwest border and investments in first responders and public safety
- **12** floor speeches on topics including veterans, mental health, seniors and women's rights
- **132** meetings with constituents in Washington

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Constituent Services Work:

- **769** constituent cases currently open and **1,786** constituent cases closed, totaling **2,555** cases in process or resolved
- **60** homes saved from foreclosure and received long-term assistance
- **\$11,481,087** has been secured by Congressman Barber's office for constituents
- **81,018** constituent contacts by e-mail, telephone, fax or mail
- **616** constituent tours in Washington, D.C.
- **19** Candidates nominated to U.S. Service Academies

Constituent and Community Events:

- **240** days in Southern Arizona, with **22** visits to Cochise County
- **5** Congress On Your Corner events in Tucson, Sierra Vista, Green Valley/Sahuarita and Tombstone with over 500 participants
- **5** Solar Power 101s, including one each partnering with Davis-Monthan AFB and the Tucson Association of Realtors
- **6** Constituent Services Days at local farmers' markets
- **1** Senior Scam Prevention Seminar in Green Valley
- **2** Congressional Art Competition winners from local high schools
- **2** Constituent Service Days in Green Valley

Listening to and Working For Southern Arizona

- **Jobs and Small Business:** **21** site visits and meetings with current and potential Southern Arizona employers, including hospitals, utilities, tourism groups, chambers of commerce, tech councils, housing and real estate groups
- **Border Security:** **4** days on the U.S.-Mexico border, **2** public meetings with the Border Patrol and General Accountability Office (one in Tucson, one in Douglas), **3** briefings with Border Patrol and Drug Enforcement officials, **2** meetings with Cochise County ranchers and residents, **2** Border Security Conference Calls with ranchers and residents from border communities, **5** events supporting CBP agents
- **Veterans:** **12** events including **2** Advisory Council meetings, **2** visits to the VA Hospital, **1** Student Veterans Town Hall and **4** medal ceremonies
- **Military:** **14** trips to and briefings at military bases in Southern Arizona, including **6** trips to Fort Huachuca, **6** to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and **2** to the 162nd Fighter Wing of the Arizona Air National Guard; **1** Military Advisory Council meeting; **7** military support organization events and **2** Service Academy Days
- **Local Government:** **16** meetings with Southern Arizona mayors from Tucson, Sierra Vista, Benson, Tombstone, Willcox, Sahuarita, Douglas, Huachuca City and Bisbee
- **135 Community Meetings and Events:** including law enforcement, mental health advocates, schools, seniors groups, non-profits, educators and groups advocating for the environment, arts, children, people with disabilities and women's issues

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